

## **26-7-2 Office of Health Disparities Reduction -- Duties.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Multicultural or minority health issue" means a health issue, including a mental and oral health issue, of particular interest to cultural, ethnic, racial, or other subpopulations, including:
  - (i) disparities in:
    - (A) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment response; and
    - (B) access to care; and
  - (ii) cultural competency in the delivery of health care.
- (b) "Office" means the Office of Health Disparities Reduction created in this section.

(2) There is created within the department the Office of Health Disparities Reduction.

(3) The office shall:

- (a) promote and coordinate the research, data production, dissemination, education, and health promotion activities of the following that relate to a multicultural or minority health issue:
  - (i) the department;
  - (ii) local health departments;
  - (iii) local mental health authorities;
  - (iv) public schools;
  - (v) community-based organizations; and
  - (vi) other organizations within the state;
- (b) assist in the development and implementation of one or more programs to address a multicultural or minority health issue;
- (c) promote the dissemination and use of information on a multicultural or minority health issue by minority populations, health care providers, and others;
- (d) seek federal funding and other resources to accomplish the office's mission;
- (e) provide technical assistance to organizations within the state seeking funding to study or address a multicultural or minority health issue;
- (f) develop and increase the capacity of the office to:
  - (i) ensure the delivery of qualified timely culturally appropriate translation services across department programs; and
  - (ii) provide, when appropriate, linguistically competent translation and communication services for limited English proficiency individuals;
- (g) provide staff assistance to any advisory committee created by the department to study a multicultural or minority health issue; and
- (h) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments.

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